Implementation of Disability Act, in Railways

1313. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Railways have not got implemented the 10 years old Disability Act in Railways;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the Railways are considering to prepare a list of jobs that can be provided to physically handicapped persons; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. Railways have already identified a department-wise list of posts in Group 'C' & 'D' categories to which physically handicapped can be recruited.

Further, in Indian Railway Medical Service and the non-technical service of Indian Railway Accounts Service and Indian Railway Personnel Service, reservation has been provided for Persons with Disabilities.

Regarding Engineering Services and other Miscellaneous Service Posts, the Ministry of Railways is seeking exemption from the purview of the Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Act, 1995 since they encompass field duties of train running and operations.

Container terminal in Madurai

1314. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether container terminal at Kodal Nagar in Madurai is not operational;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken to operate the container terminal at Madurai?